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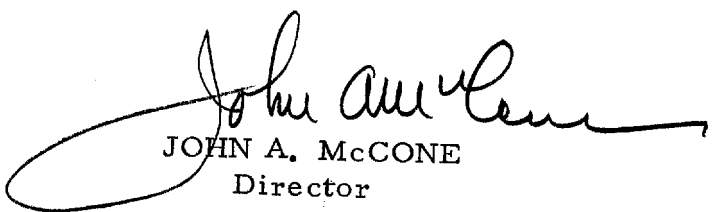
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14 November 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: USIB Principals

Attached is a copy of a letter from the Chairman of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board requesting an all-Agency, all-source review of intelligence activities relating to the Cuban situation.

As Director of Central Intelligence, I request your immediate attention to this matter and suggest that you be prepared to discuss specific arrangements at the United States Intelligence Board meeting on Thursday, November 15, 1962.


JOHN A. McCONE
Director

Attachment

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD

November 14, 1962

Dear John:

On behalf of the President's Board, I wish to express our appreciation for your submission at our November 9 meeting of the memorandum dated November 7, 1962, which had been prepared within the Central Intelligence Agency on the subject "CIA Handling of the Soviet Build-up in Cuba, 1 July - 16 October 1962."

The memorandum which you supplied, and your comments to the Board, were an instructive contribution to our current review of the intelligence collection and reporting roles performed by the United States intelligence community with respect to the vitally important subject matter involved.

In furtherance of the Board's review it would be helpful if we were supplied with information on all pertinent aspects of the total U. S. foreign intelligence effort which was brought to bear in providing advance information and assessments of the developing ballistic missile capability which was positively confirmed by means of photographic reconnaissance over Cuba on October 14, 1962. Such information will materially assist the Board in its continuing appraisal of our foreign intelligence activities and should facilitate the consideration of measures for the further strengthening of our intelligence system. Accordingly, the Board would like to request a review on an all-source, all-agency basis of the actions taken and results obtained within the intelligence community in providing intelligence coverage, reporting and estimates of the developing build-up during the twelve month period preceding October 14, 1962.

It would be appreciated if a report setting forth the results of the intelligence community's review would include: (a) an identification of the requirements levied on intelligence collection elements of the Government, (b) a resume of the intelligence information obtained from such sources as foreign diplomatic personnel, Cuban refugee interrogations, in-place agent reports, COMINT, and ELINT during the period

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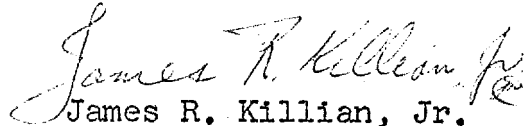
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referred to above, (c) the scope of distribution given such information to higher authority and laterally within the intelligence community, and (d) the extent to which such information was reflected in reports and assessments provided to policy level officials.

We understand that the Department of Defense is reviewing its own intelligence activities pertaining to the Cuban situation, and this will doubtless be helpful in this matter. If the results of the intelligence community's review could be made available to the Board in time for consideration at its next meeting on December 7, without materially interfering with substantive matters of importance, the Board would thereby be enabled to respond in timely fashion to requests which are before it.

FOR THE BOARD


James R. Killian, Jr.
Chairman

Mr. John McCone
Director of Central
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